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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/687,337	Applicant(s) TCHIRA, STEVEN	
	Examiner Eugene L Kim	Art Unit 3721	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-9, 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Weder (#6,484,442).

Weder shows a sheet of material with an unfolded position fig 1 and a second folded position fig 3. Weder shows a plurality of lines 28 to fold the sheet in a pre-defined sequence. Weder also disclose visual indicia which include printing instructions (col 3 lines 25+) and fastening means 30 as claimed. The cover has a frusto-conical shape (col 5 lines 65+). The indicia 28 directs the operator to provide fold pleats at predetermined portions (col 5 lines 45+) which reads on the markings being arranged to compliment the folded shape of the sheet. Weder shows a plurality of fold pleats 38 wh8ich read on a plurality of lines to form distinct packages based upon the folding sequence.

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3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weder (#6,484,442). Weder does not specifically show the inner wrap having a generally translucent appearance. However, the examiner notes that it is well known in the art to have translucent appearances for aesthetic purposes and it would have been obvious to provide Weder with a generally inner translucent appearance for aesthetic appeal.

5. Claims 12-14, 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Goebel (#3,713,576). Goebel shows the method for making a sheet of material comprising folding the sheet defined by a plurality of intersecting lines to form a package having a predetermined shape. The intersecting lines can be seen in fig 1 with lines 24a intersecting with transverse lines 32. Goebel discloses that the material is flat and may be shipped and stored in its flat condition (col 3 lines 15+). Goebel show fastening means 30 as claimed.

6. Claims 15, 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goebel.

Goebel discloses that the material is die cut but does not specifically disclose a metallic die. The examiner takes official notice that it is well known in the art to

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use metallic dies for scoring purposes as well as to form a plurality of score lines simultaneously. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use a metallic die to form simultaneous score lines in the operation of Goebel to use known means for an expedient manufacturing process.

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eugene L Kim whose telephone number is 703 308-1886. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi Rada can be reached on 703 308-2187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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